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WEEK 1

BEYOND THE WALLS

Gifts That Go
With You

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:7-8

I remember sitting across from a client who had been through unspeakable grief. She wasn't asking for advice. She didn't need fixing. She just needed someone to hear the unspoken weight behind her words. And without effort or intention, I said something that struck straight to the core of her pain—something I didn't even fully understand myself. She froze, teared up, and said, "How could you have known to say that?" I didn't. But the Holy Spirit did.

If you are like me, I have often limited spiritual gifts to church services and prayer lines, but what if we've misunderstood their reach? What if the gifts of the Spirit were never meant to be confined to the sanctuary but were designed to follow us into counseling offices, boardrooms, classrooms, and coffee shops? However, if you are new to being used in the gifts of the Spirit, it must be understood that all gifts must be done "decently and in order" according to 2 Corinthians and some gifts are limited to the confines of the church as they are only meant for the edification of the Body of Christ.

The tension here is what gifts can be done decently and in order in a non-church setting. I believe that there are three gifts that fall into this category: prophecy, words of wisdom, and words of knowledge. When we hear terms like *Words of Wisdom*, *Words of Knowledge*, and *Prophecy*, we often picture a church setting—someone with a microphone sharing something profound or mysterious. But what if we've misunderstood their everyday usefulness? A Word of Wisdom is more than good advice—it's a Spirit-led insight into how to respond in a way that aligns with God's heart. A Word of Knowledge isn't just something

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you happen to know—it’s supernatural awareness of something you had no natural way of knowing. And Prophecy isn’t just foretelling the future—it’s speaking truth from God’s heart to someone’s present situation. These are not just church gifts. They are *life gifts*. And in a world flooded with noise and surface-level connection, these gifts help us cut through the fog and minister to people in the deepest, most personal ways.

As a counselor, I’ve come to see that Words of Wisdom, Words of Knowledge, and Prophecy aren’t just “supernatural moments”—they are practical tools for ministry in the everyday. They don’t replace clinical skill or ethical training, but when yielded to the Spirit, they enhance discernment, unlock hidden insight, and help us love more deeply and effectively.

1 Corinthians 12:7–8 says, “Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit” These gifts are not reserved for pastors or prophets—they’re available to every believer, in every context, for the good of others. The truth is that, according to the Apostle Paul covet (desire) the best gifts. Pastor Joe Parker said this regarding the “best” gifts.

“What makes one gift better than the other? If we are to desire the best gifts, then what separates that gift and why doesn’t Paul tell us what the best gift is? The Holy Spirit led me to this answer—the best gift is the one that is most needed in the moment.” -Pastor Joe Parker

The purpose of this devotional is to help you not only understand these three gifts, but to inspire you to seek after the best gift for the moment and how to apply it to your life and ministry.

Desire is one thing; an invitation is another. What if we began to ask the Spirit to partner with us in our daily work? Whether you're a counselor, student, employee, or leader—these gifts are not about showcasing power, but stewarding care. They help us respond, not just react. See, not just listen. Serve, not just speak.

As we invite the Holy Spirit into our lives to provide us with the gifts to bless those around us, He is also inviting you into His purpose. The Holy Spirit holds 3 offices, He who Con-victs, He who Comforts, and He who Counsels. These offices have a purpose according to 1 Corinthians 2:10-12 and that is that He is here “so that we may understand what God has freely given us.” In other words, the Holy Spirit's primary role is to reveal the Glory of God which is Christ Jesus (Heb 1:3). The gifts fulfill the duties of the 3 offices that He holds, and He invites us to join Him in revealing Christ to the World.

Jesus modeled this beautifully. He spoke to the woman at the well (John 4), revealing details about her life that no stranger could have known. But He didn't use that knowledge to shame—He used it to invite her into truth and healing. That's what the gifts do when they are led by love.

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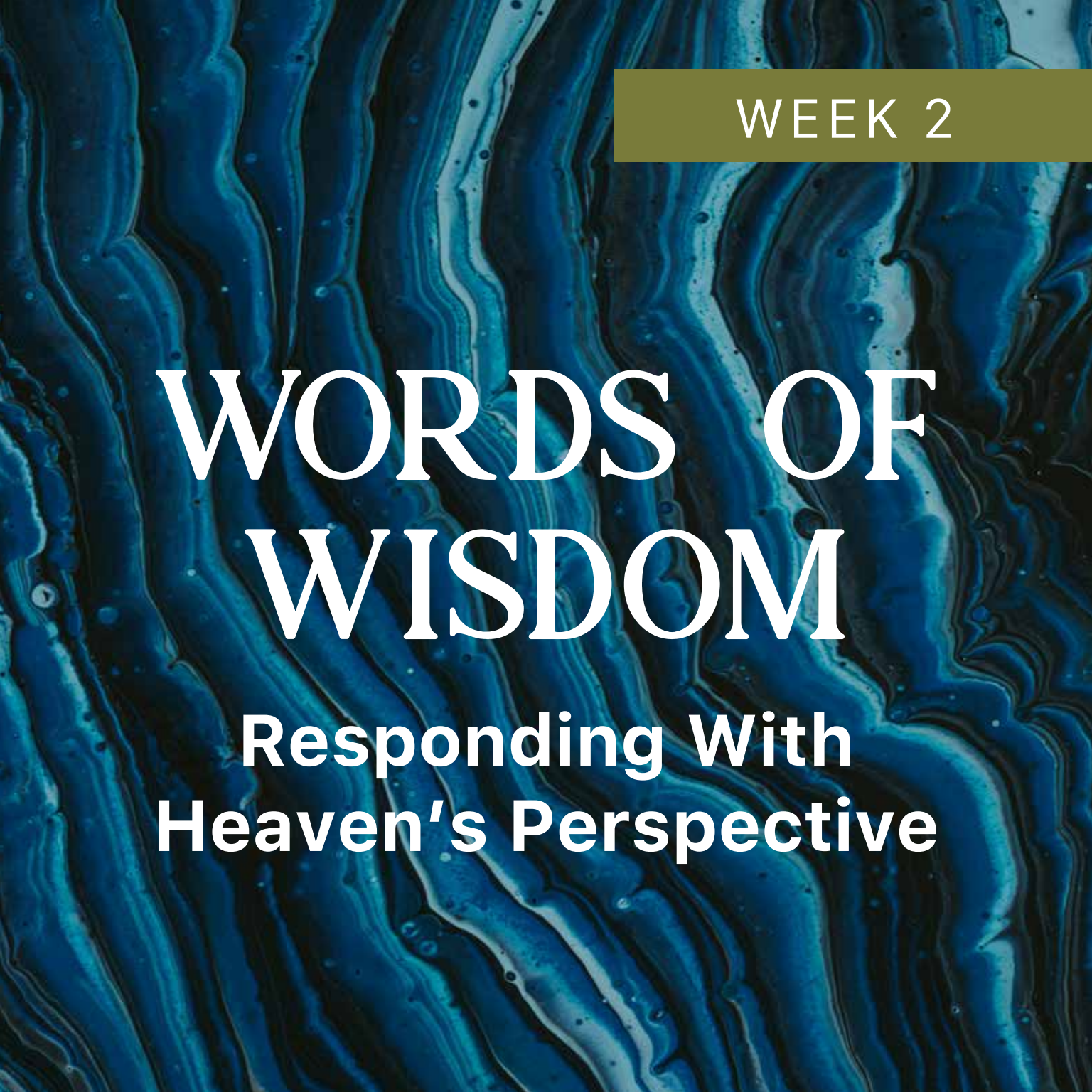
THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS

Have you every expereinced Words of Wisdom, Knowledge or Prophecy in a negative way? When and what happened?_____

Have you experienced one of the gifts in a positive way? What was that moment like?_____

Do you sense that the Lord has entrusted you with one of these gifts? If so, when have you practiced them? _____



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WEEK 2

WORDS OF WISDOM

**Responding With
Heaven's Perspective**

For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that
very hour what you ought to say.

LUKE 12:12

I was working with a man who came in heartbroken over his crumbling marriage. He was kind, gentle, and deeply committed—but also incredibly passive. His approach was to keep the peace at all costs, but peace had turned into silence, and silence into distance. As he poured out his story, I found myself saying something I hadn't planned: *"I don't think your family needs a nice guy right now. They need to see that you're willing to fight for them."* It felt risky to say, but something in him lit up. At first, the shift didn't go over well—his wife and kids weren't sure what to make of his newfound boldness. But he stayed with it. He started showing up, speaking up, and leading from a place of love and conviction. And slowly, almost stubbornly, the walls began to fall. His marriage found new footing. His kids began to trust him again. What healed that home wasn't just insight—it was a Word of Wisdom from the Spirit, calling him into the kind of man his family needed.

There are moments when insight and empathy just aren't enough. People don't always need answers—they need clarity. While knowledge may tell you what's happening, wisdom tells you what to do about it. As counselors, leaders, or friends, we often find ourselves in situations that feel too layered or too fragile for standard advice. That's where this gift matters. A **Word of Wisdom** isn't just clever insight—it's heaven's strategy for human moments. It's when the Holy Spirit helps us speak into confusion with God's heart and timing. Speaking from my experience of a counselor, the world rejects clarity in seeking solutions. They wish to be affirmed and coddled in their dysfunction. When studying for my master's degree from a renowned Christian university, I was told repeatedly that the role of a counselor was not that of

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an advice giver. This is true, to a degree, because a Word of Wisdom is more than advice. A Word of Wisdom comes from a place of supernatural insight that leads to supernatural action.

Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would guide us into all truth—not just general theological truth, but personal, timely, situation-specific truth. Words of Wisdom are those Spirit-breathed responses that seem to land in a person’s heart with unexpected weight. In counseling, I’ve seen this when a client is stuck in shame, caught in a cycle, or frozen by indecision—and suddenly, one Spirit-led sentence opens a door they didn’t know they were allowed to walk through. It wasn’t rehearsed. It wasn’t from a textbook. But it was exactly what they needed.

Luke 12:12 (ESV) – “For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.” **James 3:17 (NIV)** – “But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.”

God’s wisdom is never harsh or manipulative. It doesn’t come from ego or emotion. It comes from the Spirit—and when it shows up, it brings peace, clarity, and direction. And the best part? You don’t have to force it. You just have to listen for it. The Holy Spirit in his overarching goal of revealing Christ wants to do the same in your life and situations. Furthermore, He wants to use you to reveal the truth of transformational living through the power of Jesus to others.

What if you started seeing everyday conversations as sacred spaces where the Holy Spirit might want to speak? Words of Wisdom aren’t about sounding deep or being impressive—they’re about revealing Christ. When the Holy Spirit gives you wisdom, it’s not just to help someone “figure it out”—it’s to lead them into deeper transformation, to help them

see Jesus more clearly in the middle of their mess. He wants to do that in your life, too. If you've been stuck in confusion or indecision, the Spirit isn't trying to just give you better logic—He wants to lead you to peace and purpose by aligning you with the heart of Christ. And then, as you receive that wisdom, He wants to use you to guide others toward that same kind of freedom.

This gift is not reserved for “elite Christians” or people with public ministries—it's for anyone who's willing to slow down, listen, and respond. God isn't looking for people with all the answers. He's looking for people who are available. You don't have to force it. You don't have to fake it. You simply need to be willing to hear and bold enough to speak when the moment comes. Ask for it. Expect it. And then move forward with humility and courage. Because the same Spirit who revealed Christ through the early Church wants to do the same through you—wherever you go, whoever you're with.

Think about the story of Stephen in Acts 6–7. He wasn't a pastor or a platform preacher—he was a servant, chosen to help distribute food. Yet when conflict arose, the Spirit gave him such wisdom that Scripture says, “they could not stand up against the wisdom the Spirit gave him as he spoke” (Acts 6:10, NIV). Stephen didn't rely on his own brilliance—he relied on the Spirit. And that wisdom didn't just settle arguments; it revealed Jesus. That's what a Word of Wisdom can do—it can bring clarity into chaos, soften hardened hearts, and illuminate a path where someone once felt stuck.

It's easy to assume God only works this way through people who are further along or more spiritual than we feel we are. But that's the lie. God delights in using ordinary people who live yielded to Him. Words of Wisdom aren't random flashes—they're invitations to partner with the Spirit in real time. Whether you're in a counseling session, at a dinner table, or sitting across from a friend in crisis, the Spirit may want to reveal Christ through your voice. And when He does, that moment becomes sacred. You become a mirror reflecting heaven's perspective. That is both humbling and profoundly possible.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS

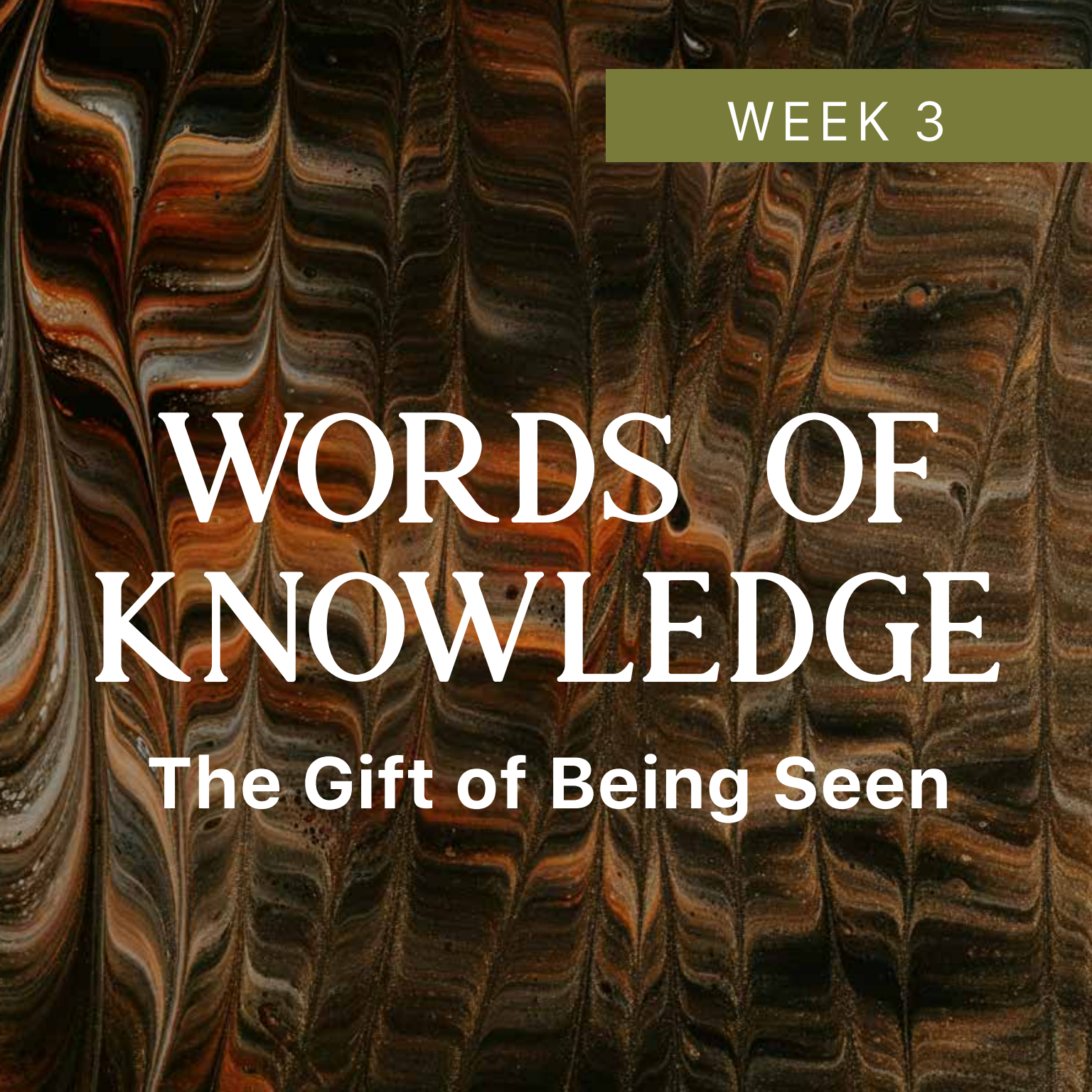
Have you ever said something to someone that surprised even you by how deeply it resonated? What was that moment like?_____

What are the kinds of situations in your daily life or work where a Word of Wisdom would be most needed?_____

How can you begin each day with a posture that says, “Holy Spirit, speak through me however You want”?_____

This week, practice pausing before giving advice. Ask God for wisdom—even if it's just under your breath—and see what happens.





WEEK 3

WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE

The Gift of Being Seen

He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine
and declare it to you.

JOHN 16:14

I hadn't even had my first official session with this client yet. We had just sat down to pray before beginning the intake process, and I simply asked the Holy Spirit to lead. As I began to pray, I suddenly felt led to pray over addictive behaviors—specifically alcohol. And I'll be honest, I hesitated. I felt awkward, uncomfortable even. I didn't want to say something that wasn't true or make the person feel exposed. But I gently followed the nudge. When I finished, they looked up at me, wide-eyed, and asked, *"How did you know I was drinking? I haven't told anybody."* It wasn't a trick. It wasn't intuition. It was the Holy Spirit. And that moment wasn't about confronting someone—it was about helping them feel deeply seen by God, known in a way they couldn't hide from, and still loved enough to be healed.

We often think of spiritual gifts as flashy or dramatic—but a **Word of Knowledge** is incredibly personal. It's not about "catching" someone in their sin. It's about showing them that God sees what they're carrying—and He's still drawing near. It takes courage to speak when the Holy Spirit shows you something you couldn't possibly know on your own. What if you're wrong? What if they reject it? But when it's truly from God, that word doesn't come to shame—it comes to free. Words of Knowledge remind people: *You are not invisible. God sees you, and He still wants to be near you.*

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In John 4, Jesus meets the woman at the well and reveals that He knows about her five previous husbands—and the man she's living with now. He doesn't say it to condemn her; He

says it to open her heart. Her response? She runs back to town and says, “*Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did.*” She didn’t feel embarrassed—she felt known. That’s the power of a Word of Knowledge when it’s delivered in love. It doesn’t just reveal the truth—it reveals Christ.

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The Holy Spirit’s role is to reveal Christ—not just as a historical figure, but as a present Redeemer who sees, knows, and heals. A Word of Knowledge doesn’t just reveal a hidden

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fact—it reveals a God who *knows you fully and still draws near*. And in that moment, something else happens not only is Christ made visible, but the *person* receiving the word begins to see themselves more clearly too. They move from hiding to honesty. From confusion to clarity. From shame to significance. These gifts invite people not only to *know* Jesus more—but to be known by Him and to begin rediscovering who they truly are in His presence.

The Holy Spirit wants to use you to help others experience what every heart craves: to be fully known and still fully loved. That’s the miracle of a Word of Knowledge. When delivered with compassion, it cuts through defenses—not to humiliate, but to *heal*. If you’ve ever longed for someone to see past your mask and speak to the real you, then you already understand the power of this gift. The good news is—you don’t just have to long for it. The Spirit wants to work through *you* in this same way. And this isn’t reserved for spiritual

superheroes—it's for every believer who's willing to listen, take a risk, and speak truth in love.

When you ask for this gift, you're not asking to be “in the know”—you're asking to reveal the nearness of Christ. And every time you obey that nudge, the Spirit not only reveals something about the other person, but something about *you*, too: that you're a vessel of grace, called to carry His presence in even the most ordinary moments.

Think again of the woman at the well in John 4. Jesus names the details of her broken relationships not to shame her, but to awaken her to something deeper: *You are not forgotten. You are not defined by your past. You are standing face-to-face with the Messiah.* She didn't walk away humiliated—she walked away transformed. A true Word of Knowledge does that—it doesn't reduce a person to their behavior; it calls them back to who they are in God's eyes.

And every time this gift operates through you, the same invitation is on the table: “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did.” That's not a fear-based reaction—it's a joyful *recognition* that someone finally sees the real you, and that in being seen by Christ, you can finally start to see yourself clearly, too.

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS

Can you think of a moment when being “known” by God felt healing instead of scary? What changed in you after that?_____

Why do you think people so often hide from being known? How can a Word of Knowledge gently invite someone out of hiding?_____

Are you willing to let the Holy Spirit use you to help others see themselves through His eyes? What gets in the way of that for you?_____

This week, pray: “Holy Spirit, show me how You see the people in front of me. Use me to help them feel seen, known, and loved by Jesus—and to rediscover who they are in Him.”





WEEK 4

PROPHECY

Speaking the
Heart of God

But he who prophesies speaks edification
and exhortation and comfort to men.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:3

There was a moment in a session when a client sat across from me buried in self-loathing. They knew Scripture—they could quote it—but they didn't believe it applied to them. Years of shame had hardened into identity, and no amount of encouragement seemed to break through. As they talked, a verse from Isaiah began rising in my spirit: *"I have called you by name; you are mine."* I paused and gently spoke it over them, adding, *"I don't think this is just a comforting verse. I believe this is how God sees you—right now."* What followed wasn't dramatic—it was quiet, holy. Their lip trembled. Tears welled up. And in that moment, I realized: this wasn't just encouragement. It was **prophecy**. It wasn't about predicting the future. It was about delivering God's truth into the middle of someone's present pain. It wasn't about me. It was the Holy Spirit, revealing Christ—and in doing so, helping this person see themselves clearly for the first time in a long time.

For many, the word *prophecy* carries all kinds of baggage—maybe images of fortune tellers, loud preachers, or spiritual elitism. But true prophecy, especially as practiced in the New Testament, is none of those things. Biblical prophecy is not about showing off insight or predicting world events for applause—it's about **communicating the heart of God** for a person, a moment, or a situation. Yes, sometimes prophecy includes foretelling—revealing something that's to come. But more often, it's *forth telling* applying God's Word and perspective to someone's life in a way that brings them back to Him. It may be a warning to turn from a destructive path, or a word to stay the course and remain faithful. But most commonly, it's a

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Spirit-empowered declaration of truth that strengthens, encourages, and comforts (1 Cor. 14:3). And when done in love, it becomes one of the most powerful tools for transformation. It doesn't just give information—it reveals Christ, and in doing so, invites people to see themselves through His eyes.

Jesus modeled this kind of prophetic ministry all the time. He didn't just tell people what was going to happen—He told them *who they were*, what mattered, and how to come home. When He told Peter he would deny Him, that was foretelling—but when He later restored Peter with the words “Feed my sheep,” that was a prophetic call back to purpose. When Jesus encountered the woman at the well, He revealed details of her past not to shame her, but to **call out her identity and awaken her to the presence of the Messiah**. That's what true prophecy does. It reveals the heart of Jesus and invites the listener to re-frame their story through the lens of God's truth. And when this gift is at work in your life, it will not only reveal Christ to others—it will help *them* see who they really are in Christ. It brings clarity. It confirms calling. It pulls people out of shame and back into purpose.

1 Corinthians 14:3 (NIV) – “But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.” **Revelation 19:10 (NIV)** – “For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.” **Jeremiah 1:9–10 (ESV)** – “Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, ‘Behold, I have put my words in your mouth... to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.’”

Prophecy is always centered on Christ—it reveals His character, His mercy, His holiness, and His desire to redeem. It helps people hear His voice above the noise of shame, confusion, or fear. When the Holy Spirit gives a prophetic word, He is not just exposing something hidden—He is **inviting transformation**. He is calling the person to know Christ more deeply, to return to their true identity, and to respond to God's purposes with bold-

ness. The prophetic word may feel personal—but it’s always Christ-revealing.

You don’t need a title, a platform, or years of experience to be used prophetically. You simply need a heart that listens. The same Holy Spirit that worked through the prophets, through Jesus, and through the early Church, now lives in you. And His desire hasn’t changed—He still wants to glorify Jesus by making Him known in real time. He wants to speak truth into people’s lives through you. He wants to help them encounter Jesus—not just in a theological sense, but *personally, intimately, now*.

And here’s the beauty: when you operate in prophecy, *you* see Jesus more clearly too. Because as you open your mouth in obedience, you realize the Spirit isn’t just giving you insight—He’s revealing His nature to *both* of you. He’s building your confidence in Him and shaping your character as a vessel of grace and truth. So, ask. Expect. And when that verse or phrase or prompting rises up inside you, don’t rush past it. Let the Spirit speak. And trust that He’s doing what He always does: pointing people back to Jesus and helping them rediscover who they are in Him.

Prophets like Nathan didn’t just tell people what was going to happen—they reminded people of who they were called to be. When Nathan confronted David, it wasn’t to destroy him—it was to call him to repentance so he could walk in restoration. When Paul prophesied over Timothy, he reminded him to “fan into flame the gift of God” and not let fear define him. And today, the Spirit still speaks that way—not with vague generalities, but with *specific, life-shaping truth*, rooted in Scripture, delivered with grace.

You don’t have to be loud or dramatic to be prophetic. Sometimes it’s as simple as speaking a verse, a phrase, or a Spirit-led insight into someone’s moment of uncertainty. That’s not “just encouragement”—that’s God Himself reminding them, “*This is who you are. This is who I Am. And this is the path forward.*”

THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS

Can you remember a time when a prophetic word—spoken or read—helped you see yourself differently? How did it shift your direction or your identity? _____

Are there moments where you've felt prompted to share something that seemed too personal or bold, but you now believe may have been from the Spirit? _____

What helps you discern whether a word is truly prophetic, and not just personal opinion? _____

This week, pray: "Holy Spirit, use me to speak Your truth—not for recognition, but so that someone might encounter the heart of Jesus and rediscover who they are in Him. Help me see them the way You do."



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